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KC MAN INDICTED FOR FALSE TAX CLAIMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for claiming personal income tax refunds to which he was not entitled, and for filing fraudulent corporate income tax returns.

Larry D. Wills, 49, of Kansas City, was charged in a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Counts One through Three of the federal indictment allege that **Wills** claimed refunds on his personal income tax for the fiscal years 1998 (a claim for \$2,307), 1999 (a claim for \$10,996) and 2000 (a claim for \$22,752). **Wills** knew that the claims were materially false and fraudulent, the indictment alleges, in that the income and withholdings listed on the returns were not correct.

Counts Four through Six of the federal indictment allege that **Wills** filed fraudulent corporate income tax returns for his business, WB Enterprises, a real estate development firm. Those returns claimed \$288,000 in gross receipts for fiscal year 1996, \$3,296,399 in gross receipts for fiscal year 1998, and \$6,397,704 in gross receipts for fiscal year 1999. According to the indictment, this purported income was not in fact earned by WB Enterprises and therefore these statements on the corporate tax returns were known by **Wills** to be false.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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